tampering or counterfeiting of such plates difficult, thereby enhancing the security of motor vehicles.

Introduction of new number plates

3147. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cost benefit analysis of introducing the new system of number plates has been made;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that in many advanced countries such a new number plate system have not been introduced;

(d) what is the necessity to introduce the new number plates in the country; and

(e) whether any comprehensive study in the matter have been conducted and if not, whether Government propose to commission a study and put up the report before the Parliament before taking any further step?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The new system of High Security tamper proof number plates would provide increased security to motor vehicles from theft. As such no cost benefit analysis is possible.

(c) to (e) Introduction of High Security Registration Plates has been notified on the basis of the recommendation made by the Technical Standing Committee on Central Motor Vehicles Rules. These plates have a number of security features which would make removal, tampering or counterfeiting of such plates difficult, thereby enhancing the security of motor vehicles. Some, but not all of these features are also available in the number plates used in many advanced countries. The combination of security features prescribed in the High Security Registration Plates was recommended by the Central Motor Vehicles Rules—Technical Standing Committee and accepted by Government in view of our prevailing environment. There is no proposal to commission any further study.

Assistance to Chhattisgarh for roads

3148. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: